



## DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH

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Re: **Increased Respiratory Virus Activity, Especially Among Children**  
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### **News Release: Increased Respiratory Virus Activity, Especially Among Children**

**Belmont, N.Y.** - Allegany County has recently seen an increase in respiratory virus activity like RSV (Respiratory Syncytial Virus) and Flu, especially among children. The UR Jones Memorial Hospital's Sandra Watkins, BSN, RN, Vice President of Patient Care Services reports, "Respiratory illnesses have been rising in our area. Our ED volume is increasing due to this phenomenon. A majority of the cases are able to be discharged back into the community."

The holidays will soon be here so take these steps to ensure you and your family have a healthy and happy holiday season.

The Allegany County Department of Health encourages County residents to get you and your family vaccinated for Flu, wash your hands often, stay home when you or a household member are sick, and don't wait to talk to your healthcare provider if you or a loved one experiences symptoms of RSV or Flu.

(<https://www.cdc.gov/rsv/about/symptoms.html>)

Visit this link: [www.health.ny.gov/diseases/communicable/respiratory\\_syncytial\\_virus/](http://www.health.ny.gov/diseases/communicable/respiratory_syncytial_virus/) for more information on respiratory syncytial virus (RSV) infection from the New York State Department of Health.

**Click here to view our upcoming immunization clinics: [www.alleganyco.gov/departments/health](http://www.alleganyco.gov/departments/health) or contact our office at (585) 268-9250 to schedule your appointment or talk with your local pharmacist or healthcare provider today!**

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